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A NEW CRISIS DEVELOPS IN MILITARY SITUATION

Allied Troops Fortifying Themselves About Saloniki and if Bulgars Try to Dislodge Them, Greece Might Enter War—200,000 French and British.

(By Associated Press.)
Athens, Dec. 18.—The unprecedented military situation in Greece has developed a new crisis. The allied troops, which according to Greek papers number 200,000 are fortifying themselves about Saloniki, are now being placed in positions to attack the Bulgarians and are preparing to enter them.

Whether the Bulgarians also will enter the border is a vital question to Greece. It is believed that a Bulgarian advance would rekindle old enmities and might draw Greece into the war. The Greek elections will be held tomorrow, but it is not believed the result will have any effect on the policy of the government. The army of former Premier Venizelos refrained from putting any soldiers in the field and soldiers in the army, constituting a large portion of the electorate, will not vote. King Constantine continues ill. According to Premier Skouloudis the Bulgarians would be compelled to attack the British and French forces. The landing of Italian forces in Albania is likely to prove an important factor, as the Italians are making efforts to get in communication with the Serbians.

Summary of Activities.
Telegrams from Petrograd note German activity, particularly in the Danubian district, which would accord with the German ambition to reach the mouth of the Dvina river, while all

accounts from neutral countries mention a continued movement of men and guns to the west. In the latter theatre of operation it seems only a question of what points the offensive is to be taken.

Many persons believe that the Germans, having found the lines in Flanders and Artois too hard to crack, contemplate moving in the Saint Mihiel region, where their line penetrates to the river Meuse and where there has been considerable activity during the past few days. The only thing argued against this is that the river has been at flood and the French have been systematically destroying the bridges as they rebuilt. Thus far, however, there has been little more doing than the usual mining and bombing operations and aerial fighting in the west.

In the Balkans military operations are temporarily at a standstill except in Montenegro and Albania where the Austrians and Bulgarians are carrying on mountain warfare against King Nicholas' troops and the Serbians. A big battle is in progress in the valley of the Albanian or Black Drina river between the Serbs and Bulgarians. At last reports no decision had been reached in the fighting. It is said, however, that the Bulgarians who crossed the river, found the Serbians had been reformed and were driven back with heavy losses. It is possible that the Serbian counter-attacks were made possible by supplies reaching them from the Italians who landed on the Albanian coast and who are trying to open communication with the Serbs through that country. The Italians, it is understood, already have landed 80,000 men.

BAPTISTS WILL CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS LEGISLATORS ARE HOMEWARD BOUND

About 25 or more Baptist brethren, representatives of South Fork, Caldwell and Catawba River Associations, met here yesterday evening in the First Baptist church, the meeting being to consider the advisability of consolidating the Baptist school at Lenoir and the one at Lenoir and the one at North Catawba into one school, to be located somewhere west of Hickory and north of the Southern Railroad. The Rev. A. E. Brown, of Long Island, was elected chairman, and Editor Moore of the Lenoir Topic, secretary. The opinion of those present was that such a consolidated school was needed. The school will be located where the greatest financial benefit is judged. The following are the members for it: Hickory, Hudson, and Lenoir. North Catawba has already offered 15 acres of land and 400,000 good brick. The association will have to take action in the matter before any offer can be made. The consolidated school board will aid in the consolidation of the schools and will raise \$5,000.

Already about \$15,000 is in sight. The chairman was authorized to call another meeting to be held here on January 15 or soon thereafter. The meeting will consist of five trustees, each of the three schools or associations, and any other laymen and ministers who desire to attend. The Rev. W. B. Bradshaw who knows the territory the school is to supplant, and the Rev. A. E. Brown who has charge of the school money of the home mission board, and Prof. R. L. Moore of Mars Hill, whom they want to take charge of the school, will also be invited to be at the next meeting.

BEST MEETING HICKORY JUNIOR AUDUBON CLASS

The first meeting of the Hickory Junior Audubon Class was held in the parlors of the seventh grade, South Fork, yesterday afternoon. Fourteen pupils joined the class, making a total membership of fifteen. The members are Roy Gwin, George Harris, Floyd Huffman and Adrien Leary.

The subject studied at the meeting was the herring gull and its habits. The members of the class read from a brief discussion of the subject. The subject for study at the next meeting will be "the passenger pigeon." After a short business session the class adjourned to meet again January 7.

S. A. L. MAY BUILD FROM HENDERSON TO GOLDSBORO

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—An interesting report of railroad extension is that the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company is planning to build a line from Henderson to Goldsboro with the ultimate purpose of building to Wilmington. The company is planning to obtain North Carolina support facilities. The line from Henderson to Goldsboro is about 75 miles. It is believed that this line would be via Henderson, Dunn, Bailey and Kenly, then touching the Coast Line and Norfolk-Southern en route.

NEW PHYSICIAN ELECTED FOR STATE HOSPITAL

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—The directors of Central State Hospital for insane here, in annual session just held, elected Dr. L. P. Robinson, of the epilepsy clinic at Skillman, N. J., as successor to Dr. W. W. Stancill, who has resigned as one of the staff of resident physicians. The annual report of Dr. Albert Anderson as superintendent showed that the hospital averaged 1,119 patients for the year, a gain of 125 over the average for the previous year. Increases of \$5,000 in farm and dairy products and \$14,000 in revenue from shop work were shown for the past year compared with the previous year. For the first time in the history of the hospital, no patient was killed the past year. New patients taken in during the year totaled 282 and the number of deaths was 77.

GREENSBORO CHAMBER HAS INCOME OF NEARLY \$9,000

Greensboro, Dec. 18.—Workers have secured a total of 351 memberships for the chamber of commerce to date, and these will give to the chamber an annual income of \$8,775. Men who have been working on the committees decided to call upon men of the city again next Tuesday and endeavor to increase the membership to 400 and the income to \$10,000. It seems certain that this number and amount will be reached by the first of the year. Next year the chamber will be reorganized on a more systematic basis, and each department of work. This is in accordance with the latest and best approved methods of work.

TITANIC VICTIMS CAN GET \$664,000

New York, Dec. 18.—The attorney for the White Star Line announced that the company is willing to pay \$664,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic when more than 1,500 were drowned. Approximately \$600,000 would go to American claimants, \$50,000 to British and \$14,000 would be required for expenses of the suits.

The claimants committee is represented by 44 lawyers, who fixed the damages last summer at \$2,500,000, but now are said to be willing to accept the company's proposition, which must be signed by December 30.

Everything can be overcome. Many a fellow has been fired with enthusiasm by his boss.

HICKORY ALIVE DREARY WEATHER TODAY WITH SHOPPERS

Hundreds of holiday shoppers were in Hickory today and long before noon. Main street was a busy place. The warm sun, which followed a week of bad weather and a night of rain, brought the visitors to the city.

Hickory always draws large crowds on Saturday, but today seemed destined to break former records.

With the holiday trade considerably advanced, it was expected that all records for December would be broken this month. Merchants are appreciative of the efforts of their customers to do their trading early, instead of waiting until the last few days. Early next week large sales will be made, and packages will be moving to all parts of the country.

Hickory stores were well supplied with holiday goods, and people in this section, realizing the benefits of home enterprises, have done their trading at home more generally than ever before. No city in the state, it is declared by visitors, has had better values than Hickory merchants for the holiday trade.

GERMAN BUSINESS IN PACIFIC CEASED

(By Associated Press.)
Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 18.—In consequence of complaints by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce that the Deutsche Handels and Plantagen Gesellschaft, a German Pacific island trading firm with headquarters in Hamburg and a large business in Samoa, was doing business in Samoa and Tonga group, the headquarters and four plantations of the company in Samoa were lately raided by the New Zealand government authorities, papers were seized and several Germans were subsequently arrested. Karl Hansen, the general manager, was convicted before a military court of evading the censorship by mailing letters to Germany from San Francisco through the connivance of sailing vessels plying between California and Samoa. Adolph Eberhardt, manager of one of the company's largest coconut groves, was found guilty of having withheld from the New Zealand military authorities documents which had belonged to the German Samoa government. Hansen was sentenced to six months imprisonment and Eberhardt was sentenced to a fine of \$150 and internment. The business has been placed in the hands of a receiver appointed by the New Zealand government. By his action all German business activity in the South Pacific—unless in under British scrutiny—ceases until peace has been concluded.

STIFF FINGERS

Harvard Professor Makes Known His Studies.

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—In the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences for December, Doctor Cushing of the Harvard medical school and Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, announced to the academy some results of his study of the heredity of "stiff fingers," a type of congenital malformation of the hands or feet, known as "Sympalangism." He has studied the history of a family which migrated from Scotland to Virginia in 1709, and has found that "stiff fingers" is hereditary with the regularity which is expected in certain traits.

Of the more than 300 descendants of the Scotch emigrant about 25 per cent had "stiff fingers." In families in which neither parent was affected the children were not affected. In families in which one parent, either mother or father, was affected, about half of the children were affected with the malformation, and cases arise in which the defect is transmitted in outspoken form by a parent in whom it is inconspicuous.

BIDS ARE ASKED FOR

Shelby to Get \$60,000 Postoffice Next Year.
Shelby, Dec. 18.—Postmaster W. J. Roberts has received notice from the treasury department asking for bids for the \$60,000 postoffice building which is promised for next year. The bids will be opened in Washington on January 26. Blueprints and specifications have not yet arrived, so it is not known what plan the building will be erected.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

A full attendance of the Corinth Philatheas is wanted at the Reformed church tomorrow morning at 9:45. Remember the collection for the orphans at Crescent.

TAX COLLECTIONS GOOD SAYS SHERIFF

Sheriff John A. Isenhower spent a busy day in Hickory collecting taxes. From the time he arrived at the city manager's office until well in the afternoon he was kept busy accommodating the crowd that found its way into the office. He reported collections unusually good the past few days.

(The Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—The president's wedding day dawned bleak and dismal. With a drizzling rain falling, the day gave promise of furnishing the worst weather in late autumn. The ceremony was to be performed at the residence of Mrs. Edith Galt. All details were complete.

Although details of the wedding trip have not been made public, it became known that the couple will leave for the south. The Rev. Herbert Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal church here, who is to perform the ceremony, has also been selected to officiate at the christening at the white house today of Alice McAdoo, the president's only granddaughter.

The christening took place at noon in the blue room.

The president was godfather and Mrs. Frances B. Sayre, the baby's aunt, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the president's niece, were godmothers.

The president paid a brief visit to Mrs. Galt. After a brief half hour the president spent some time at his bank looking in his safe deposit vault and going over his accounts.

PIEDMONT AND NORTHERN MAY SOON RESUME WORK

Gastonia, Dec. 18.—Andrew L. Moore, director of the Piedmont and Northern lines, announces officially that as soon as the net revenue of their roads is sufficient to pay a dividend on the capital stock, arrangements have been made with a large banking institution in the east to furnish the funds with which to fill in the gap between Spartanburg and Gastonia. He further states, that the earnings of the P. & N. lines for the past 60 days have been such as to justify this extension, provided it had been for a 12 months' period. This is most welcome news to Gastonia's business men; and with the present indications of the prosperous times ahead of us there is no doubt that work on this extension will be started in the near future.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 18.—Overnight developments were helpful in the moderate improvement in today's markets, initial quotations showing gains in most quarters of the stock list. Trading was light, however. United States Steel being the only issue to show animation. Greater gains were made by Texas Company, Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke, and United States Industrial Alcohol. Prices shaded on secondary offerings.

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was steadier early today. After opening at an advance, prices sold higher shortly after the call. There was fresh buying as well as covering on the advance, which carried January up to 11.83, March to 12.13 and May to 12.38.

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 18.—Lightness of world's shipments other than South American tended to harden prices in the wheat market here. Opening prices ranged from 1/4 to 1/2 off, with December and May at 1.18, followed by a general advance.

COTTON FUTURES

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton futures opened steady and closed barely steady.
Active months Open Close
January 11.72 11.86
March 12.02 12.56
May 12.28 12.58
July 12.42 12.54
October 12.16 12.24

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton 12 1/2 c
Wheat 11 1/2 c

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Sunday. Colder tonight and in the east portion, Sunday, strong west winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

December 17.— 1915 1914
Maximum 44 51
Minimum 32 15
Mean 38 33
Rainfall .31

WALSER IS FOR STRAIGHT PROGRESSIVE TICKET IN 1916

Washington, Dec. 18.—Zeb Vance Walsen of Lexington, leader of the Progressive party of North Carolina, who was a visitor here being driven to Hickory with a load of blocks, and all last night the animal was nursed in Brookford. It was said today the horse could not get well.

MORE GERMAN SECOND NOTE ON ANCONA BE STRONGER THAN FIRST

Virtually an Ultimatum, They Say in Washington—President Begins Work in Its Preparation—Austria Refused to Concede Single Point in Request.

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Suva, Fiji Islands, Dec. 18.—A remarkable display of native South Sea pageantry was seen in this town, the capital of the British crown colony, recently on a day named for raising funds for the South Sea Islanders' fund, which is the fund for the education of the children of the South Sea Islanders.

Fijians, Tongans, Samoans, Solomon Islanders, Chinese and Hindus, together with whites, were in the parade. A thousand Fijians were dressed as in the old days of the tribal wars. Each man had his face blackened and he carried a war club or other native weapon. The costume consisted of a kilt of green and yellow grass intertwined with tape, the native cloth made from bark, painted and lined by the Fijian women. Some of the men wore huge bows of tapa around their waists. The upper portion of their bodies, however, was bare, and their powerful muscles glistened in the tropical sun. The Solomon Islanders were garbed more vividly in glaring reds and brilliant blues.

After the parade the natives spread a mat upon the ground and threw upon it their contributions to the fund—coconuts, yams, coconuts, live poultry, tapa and other things. The proceeds in all amounted to about \$5,000 cash. Five hundred Fijians danced to the beating of a wooden drum or lull and a barbaric chant. They went through a warlike pantomime in which clubs were brandished and feet were stamped in rapid but complete unison. Then the pantomime came to an abrupt end with a wild yell.

The dance of the Solomon Islanders was even more weird. The music was produced by reed instruments and the musicians wore uncanny disguises, of which long shaggy hair, like that of the witch doctors, was a feature. Each dancer carried a curious swanlike object painted with characters like Egyptian hieroglyphics.

The Tokelau Islanders gave a spear dance. Two lines of men facing each other challenged each to combat and began a series of evolutions so suggestive of their actually thirsting for blood that Tokelau women rushed up to the actors and stopped the dance. The men then divested themselves of their grass and tapa armor, and wrapping themselves in mats, sang a number of native songs.

MAY LOSE FINE HORSE

A splendid \$300 horse belonging to Mr. Ransom Wilfong was stricken yesterday afternoon while being driven to Hickory with a load of blocks, and all last night the animal was nursed in Brookford. It was said today the horse could not get well.

BIG STILL BUSTED NEAR PATTERSON

Mr. P. P. Jones, deputy collector, today reported the destruction of a large still and outfit four miles from Patterson, Caldwell county, Thursday, together with 300 gallons of beer. The still had a capacity of 100 gallons and was ready for business. No arrests were made.

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